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Identical letters dated 28 December 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the daily report for 28 December 2002 on the activities of the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Report on the activities of the IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams in Iraq on 28 December 2002

I. IAEA inspection team

A group consisting of five inspectors left the Canal Hotel at 0900 hours to visit the site of the Al-Najah private enterprise, a company in the private sector specializing in imports and located in the Al-Qarada area of Baghdad, and arrived at 0930 hours. During the inspections, which lasted for a total of seven hours, the group inspected the company contracts, invitations to tender and orders relating to purchases by the Military Industrialization Corporation (MIC) and took away a copy of each of these documents. It also inspected the company facilities, asked the persons working there for information about the activities carried out and carefully studied the documents that were there. It completed its assignment at 1630 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1645 hours.

II. UNMOVIC biological inspection team

A first group, consisting of 10 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0900 hours to visit the site of the fruit juice plant (Jaffa) of the National Food Industries Company, a mixed-sector company located in Za`faraniyah, a suburb of Baghdad.

The group met the managing director of the company and asked him for information about the company, its divisions, employees, production capacity and the kinds of tests done in its laboratories. The inspectors then carried out a detailed inspection of the tagged equipment included in the declaration. The group completed its assignment at 1030 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1055 hours.

A second group, consisting of six inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0900 hours to visit the site of the Al-Kindi company, a mixed-sector company specializing in the production of veterinary vaccines located in the Abu Ghraib area, 15 kilometres west of Baghdad. Although this was the second visit to the company by the UNMOVIC biological inspection team, the first visit having taken place on Sunday, 22 December 2002, as soon as they arrived, at 0940 hours, the inspectors asked to see the building containing the system of surveillance cameras which the former Special Commission had installed at the site and photographed these cameras, numbering six in all, installed in various places. The group completed its assignment at 1050 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1135 hours.

III. UNMOVIC missile inspection team

A group consisting of nine inspectors left the Canal Hotel at 0810 hours to visit the site of the MIC Al-Qa`qa State enterprise, located 50 kilometres south of Baghdad, which had already been visited several times by IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams, most recently on 21 December 2002. Upon arrival, at 0935 hours, the inspectors went to the part of the company where military warheads with a range of less than 150 kilometres are filled with explosives. After watching the loading

operations and asking for clarifications about the number of warheads filled, they photographed the warheads. The group completed its assignment at 1150 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1235 hours.

IV. UNMOVIC chemical inspection team

A group consisting of 25 inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0825 hours to visit a complex consisting of several companies and centres located 10 kilometres south of Baghdad. Upon arrival, at 0905 hours, the inspectors inspected the following sites:

(a) The Ibn Roushd State enterprise, an MIC subsidiary, which specializes in engineering studies, quality control and security. The group asked company specialists several questions about the studies carried out, and also inspected the facilities and installations;

(b) The Baghdad section of the State automobile enterprise, a subsidiary of the Ministry of Industry and Mining; the group inspected the warehouses, administrative offices and maintenance workshops;

(c) The Ibn Younès centre of the Saad State enterprise, a company which produces military equipment and specializes in the manufacture of prototypes. The group asked questions about various parts of the centre and the projects it carries out. It also inspected all the buildings at the centre, carried out a detailed inspection of the accounts and asked for explanations about the changes which had taken place since 1998;

(d) The headquarters of the Al-Hussein military section of the Arab Baath Socialist Party. The head of the inspection team visited the offices of this section to ensure that the building actually belonged to the party. This inspection tour lasted about 10 minutes;

(e) The Al-Raya centre of the Ministry of Industry and Mining, where the team inspected the electricity workshops and asked questions about the staff.

V. UNMOVIC multidisciplinary (chemical, biological and missile) inspection team

A team consisting of eight inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0630 hours to visit a testing site for air force ammunition located 320 kilometres north of Baghdad. Upon arrival, at 1110 hours, the inspectors met with the commander of the site and asked for clarification about the activities conducted at the site. They then conducted a thorough search of all the facilities at the site and took samples of old ammunition. They completed their assignment at 1500 hours and proceeded to Mosul, where they were to stay at a hotel.

VI. Remarks

The National Monitoring Directorate gave the director of the Baghdad ongoing monitoring, verification and inspection centre a list containing the names and current positions of the persons involved in former Iraqi programmes, in response to a request made by the head of UNMOVIC, Mr. Hans Blix, pursuant to Security Council resolution 1441 (2002).

The IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams, consisting of a total of 63 inspectors, inspected 10 sites.